

Bristol, May 16-1851

My dear Miss Weston.

However cordial a welcome Mary may write to you, I cannot allow her to be the sole representative of mine; - I must with my own hand, convey the sincere rejoicing of my own heart, that you are in England, & within 4 hours journey of our own home. -

When we are to meet it is hard to say. Mary is buoying herself with the hope of being in London during Whitsun week, & I shall be very thankful should she be quite equal to the undertaking:

but the length of time during  
which she has been more than  
usually indisposed, & the slow  
progress she yet makes in recovery,  
forbids any being very sanguine  
as to her improvement 2 or 3  
weeks hence. She however, is  
very confident, and such a balm  
& such a restorative hope is, that  
I am ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> anxious <sup>with</sup> to discourage  
it. She has indeed begun a  
negociation about some  
lodgings in London in company  
with the Wibbs & her aunts.

If others are equal to going, I  
trust I may be so too

This is so busy a day with me  
that I cannot enter upon any



tho' of the many thro' on which  
we feel a mutual interest, but  
I was anxious for you to know  
as much about Mary's health, than  
she would probably tell you, as  
well as to congratulate you on  
your arrival amongst English  
friends.

With kindest regards to Mrs.  
Chapman, your sisters & Annie  
Believe me, my dear Miss

Watson,

Sincerely Yours

J. B. Collier.

My love to Emma: I fear London  
will not be favorable to the continu-  
ance of "her letter."?

It is almost day, & I am writing to Mr. Garrison.

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